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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: COSPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION

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1. LEARNED SEPT 8 THAT ROK MISSION, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH CORE GROUP, HAS SENT FORMAL NOTE TO FONMINISTRY REQUESTING GOA COSPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IT HAS ALSO LOBBIED WITH JUNTA MEMBER ADMIRAL MASSERA, TO WHOM KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAS PERSONAL ACCESS, AND KOREANS CLAIM THAT MASSERA HAS INSTRUCTED FONMINISTER ADMIRAL GUZZETTI TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR COSPONSORSHIP. KOREANS HAVE APPROACHED FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS AT WORKING LEVEL, AND REPORT THAT MINISTRY IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING REQUEST. DECISION IS SUPPOSEDLY TO BE MADE SHORTLY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROK AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES HAVE CONSULTED, AGAIN WITHOU REFERRING TO REST OF CORE GROUP, AND JAPANESE AMB IS APPARENTLY MAKING OWN DEMARCHE IN NEXT DAY OR TWO. KOREANS HAVE ASKED THAT US EMBASSY MAKE APPROACH ON COSPONSORSHIP, BUT RECOMMEND THAT REST OF CORE GROUP TAKE NO ACTION.

3. WE ARE CALLING CORE GROUP TOGETHER TO DISCUSS SITUATION AND HEAR REPORT FROM KOREANS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE
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EXPECT REST OF CORE GROUP WILL FEEL THAT ACTION HAS BEEN

PREEMPTED BY KOREANS AND WILL NOT WANT TO TAKE FURTHER
ACTION UNLESS THEY RECEIVE OWN GOVERNMENTS' INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO.
FOR OUR PART, WE WILL PLAN TO HOLD RELATIVELY INFORMAL
DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS ON
QUESTION OF COSPONSORSHIP. WE WILL BE VERY SURPRISED IF
GOA ACTUALLY AGREES TO COSPONSOR, BUT PROSPECTS FOR SOME
CHANGE OF ATTITUDE LOOK BETTER THAN THEY HAVE IN PAST.
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